

Curriculum Vitae

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### Research Interests

Power and Social Control, Medical Sociology, Urban Sociology, Sociology of Knowledge, Law and Society, Ethnography, Violence, Body and Embodiment, Liberalism and Libertarianism.

### Education

University of California, Los Angeles, PhD. in Sociology, (expected 2019)

*Dissertation:* Mind and Matter: Madness and Inequality in Los Angeles

*Committee:* Stefan Timmermans (Chair), Hannah Landecker, Rogers Brubaker, Aaron Panofsky, Joel Braslow (Psychiatry and History).

*Field Exams:* Medical Sociology, Ethnographic Methods (passed with distinction).

University of California, Los Angeles, MA. in Sociology, 2013

New York University, BA in Individualized Study, Summa Cum Laude, 2008

### Fellowships and Awards

UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship (~ \$20,000)	2018-2019
National Science Foundation - Graduate Research Fellow (~\$130,000)	2012-2016
UCLA Department of Sociology Excellence in Teaching Award	2013-2014
Fulbright Fellowship at the University of Hong Kong (~\$30,000)	2009-2010

### Books

Gong, Neil. (**Under Contract.**) *Mind and Matter: Madness and Inequality in Los Angeles*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Abramson, Corey M. and **Neil Gong**, eds. (**Under Contract.**) *Beyond the Case: The Logic and Practice of Comparative Ethnography*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

### Peer Reviewed Articles

Gong, Neil. (2018). "Seeing Like a State Athletic Commission: Multi-Case Ethnography and the

Making of ‘Underground’ Combat Sports.” *Ethnography*

Gong, Neil. (2017). “That Proves You Mad, Because You Know it Not’: Impaired Insight and the Dilemma of Governing Psychiatric Patients as Legal Subjects.” *Theory and Society* (46) 201-228

Gong, Neil (2015). “How to Fight Without Rules: On Civilized Violence in ‘De-Civilized’ Spaces.” *Social Problems* (62) 605-622

- 2016 Winner, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Body and Embodiment
- Featured in *The Society Pages* “Discoveries,” and *Chinese Martial Arts Studies*

## Works in Progress

Gong, Neil. “Between Post-Disciplinary Tolerance and Concerted Constraint: Managing Madness for the City and the Privileged Family. **Revise and Resubmit** at *American Sociological Review*.

Abramson, Corey and **Neil Gong**. (Equal Co-authors). “Situating Logics and Approaches to Ethnographic Comparison.” In *Beyond the Case: The Logic and Practice of Comparative Ethnography*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Abramson, Corey and **Neil Gong**. (Equal Co-authors). “Comparing the Comparative.” In *Beyond the Case: The Logic and Practice of Comparative Ethnography*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

**Gong, Neil** and George Marcus. “Comparison as the DNA of Anthropology: An interview with George Marcus.” In *Beyond the Case: The Logic and Practice of Comparative Ethnography*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

## Other Publications

Gong, Neil. (2017) Review of *Better Must Come: Exiting Homelessness in Two Global Cities*, by Matthew Marr. *Social Forces*. (Online).

## Presentations

2018. “Mind and Matter: Madness and Inequality in Los Angeles.”

April 14. University of Arizona, Department of Sociology.

2017. “The Dual Freedom of Madness: Governing Rich and Poor Psychiatric Patients in the Community.”

Dec 14. UC Santa Barbara, Department of Sociology.

Nov. 28. University of Washington, Law, Societies and Justice.

“Following Problem Solving in the Field.”

August 15. Berkeley Center for Ethnographic Research.

2016. “The Dual Freedom of Madness: Governing Rich and Poor Psychiatric Patients After Deinstitutionalization.”

Nov. 28. UC Berkeley, Department of Sociology.

“From the Stickiness of Labels to Seeing What Sticks: The Economy of Diagnosis in Mental Health and Homeless Outreach.”

- August 20. American Sociological Association. Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.  
 “Publishing Qualitative and Theoretical Work.”
- August 19. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Seattle, WA.
2014. “That Proves You Mad Because You Know It Not: Impaired Insight and the Liberal Dilemma of Madness.”
- Nov 7. Social Science History Association. Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario.  
 “How To Fight Without Rules: On Civilized Violence in ‘De-Civilized Spaces’”.
- Mar 7. Chicago Ethnography Conference. Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
2012. “Sportization and Its Discontents.”
- Aug 29. American Sociological Association. Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

## Teaching

### Course Instructor

Ethnographic Fieldwork (with Stefan Timmermans, UCLA Graduate Seminar)	Winter 2018
The Psy Sciences and Society (UCLA Undergraduate Seminar)	Spring 2016
Summer Methodology Workshop (UC Berkley Center for Ethnographic Research)	2014, 2015

### Teaching Assistant

Social Networks (UCLA with Professor Jacob Foster)	Spring 2018
Introduction to Sociology (UCLA with Professor Rogers Brubaker)	Winter 2018
Contemporary Sociological Theory (UCLA with Professor Rebecca Emigh)	Fall 2017
Foundations of Sociological Theory (UCLA with Professor Jeffrey Prager)	Spring 2014
Contemporary Sociological Theory (UCLA with Professor Jeffrey Prager)	Winter 2014
Introduction to Sociology (UCLA with Professor Mark Jepson)	Fall 2013

## Professional Service

Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology, Theory and Society, Social Forces, Sociological Methods and Research, Social Science and Medicine, Ethnography, and Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

UCLA Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee Member	2015-2016
UCLA Sociology Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor	2014-2015
UCLA Ethnography Working Group Co-Leader	2012-2014

## Professional Affiliations

American Sociology Association	2012-current
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Society for the Study of Social Problems  
UC Berkeley Center for Ethnographic Research

2016-current  
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## Relevant Professional Experience

Case Manager With Pathways to Housing, New York NY

2008-2009

## References

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